

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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**Town:** Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
Tewksbury Center

**Address:** 10 East Street

**Historic Name:** Tewksbury First Congregational Church

**Uses:** Present: Congregational Church

Original: Congregational Church

**Date of Construction:** 1922

**Source:** Local Histories

**Style/Form:** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder:** Curtis W Bixby

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Brick

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations (with dates):**

Parish House (1960-61)

Spire (added 1974-2009)

**Condition:** Good

**Moved:** no | X | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 1.64 Acres

**Setting:** Set close street near the Town Common on a flat site. The area is mixed use with residential municipal and commercial structures.

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The church at **10 East Street** is set back from the road in the village center. The rectangular building is Classical Revival in style. Character defining details include: the projecting gable entry portico supported by two story Ionic columns, the bracketed cornice, stone lintels, and the square bell tower. The brick building rests on a concrete foundation. The hip roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. The square brick bell tower rises above the roof and is capped by an intersecting gable roof. An octagonal spire extends upward to a cross. The spire is composed of three parts, all painted white; an octagonal base, a narrower octagonal midsection, and the tall narrow octagonal spire roof. Each face of the brick tower below features a large arch louver. Above each louver, a decorative band encircles and projects from the tower walls. Each gable face of the tower roof is a painted white pediment.

A similar large pediment marks the western end of the front portico. The gable features a round multi-pane window. Four tall Ionic columns support the portico roof. Similarly styled square pilasters are located at each corner of the projecting brick entry behind the portico. Wide stairs wrap around the three sides of the portico.

Beyond the entry the main portion of the church is one by four bays. The central entrance door on the western façade features two tall swinging doors under a transom consisting of a band of arched glass panes. The entry door has a narrow surround with flanking brackets. The north and south facades each feature four large multi-pane windows below arch transoms that illuminate the sanctuary. Each large window is aligned above a rectangular 8/12 sash windows set in an arch brick opening.

To the rear of the sanctuary, the north and south ends of the addition extends beyond the walls of the sanctuary. The first narrow portion of the brick addition is three stories in height with a hip roof. The northern most portion of the addition is two stories in height with a flat roof. The parish hall is entered on the south façade. The hall entrance is marked by a projecting one story hip roof canopy supported by square columns. The entrance door is a pair of full height multi-pane swinging doors. Above the canopy, a pair of sash windows is located below an arch window. Additional windows include narrow multi-pane sash windows and large tri-partite awning windows set in simple brick openings with concrete sills.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Near the site of the first First Congregational Church built in 1736, the second meetinghouse was dedicated in 1824, but destroyed by fire in 1918. The cornerstone of the extant church was laid in 1922 and the church completed in 1928. The Parish House was added 1960-1961. The Parish House was designed to include a Fellowship Hall that seats about 300 people on the west side of the first floor, eleven Sunday School rooms, and a large entry lobby. The Fellowship Hall can be divided into additional classrooms.

In the early years of the church there was no associated parsonage. Rather each minister was given a settlement to build their own home and help from the community to construct it.

Ministers of the Congregational Church:

Rev Sampson Spaulding 1737-1792 He died 1796 and was the first person buried in old section of the cemetery

Rev Titus Theodore Barton 1792-1803

Rev Jacob Coggin 1806-1854 with assistance in later years

Rev Moses Kimball assistant to Rev. Coggin 1847-1849

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Rev Richard Tolman 1852-1870  
Rev Samuel Franklin French 1871-1882  
Rev Frank Hatch Kasson 1883-1886  
Rev James Alexander 1886-1896  
Rev Eldbridge Culter Whiting 1897-1899  
Rev John Herbert Yeoman 1899-1903  
Rev William J Minchin 1903-1906  
Rev Thomas Langdale 1906-1908  
Rev Sarah Ann Dixon 1909-1917  
Rev Henry B Mason 1918- 1926 served during fire at the church in 1918  
Rev John Cummings 1927-1935 and chaplain at State Hospital for eight years, In WWI & WWII veteran serving in the medical corps (WW I) and Chaplain Corps (WW II).  
Rev Gordon S Kenison 1935-1942  
Rev Kenneth E McDaniel c1942  
Rev Hugo Alfred Bourdeau 1946-1952  
Rev Harry Pierce 1952-1956  
Rev Carroll E Word 1956-1959  
Rev Thurston Powell 1959-

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East Elevation of Parish Hall 2010



East Elevation of the Parish Hall c1964

